

ODELL SCHEMES FOR HALPIN.

WOULD MAKE HIM REAL LEADER OF COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The Boss's Plan Is to Make Him Chairman of the Executive Committee and Neal Secretary—Mr. Stranahan Is Now Talked Of for the State Chairmanship.

Ross Odell in his scheme to play bushwhacker and guerrilla politics on Representative Parsons, who on December 21 is to be elected president of the New York Republican county committee, has had several long talks with William Halpin, the retiring president of the committee, at the Republican Club.

Odell in his efforts to keep his bushwhacking and guerrilla methods quiet has attempted to make these talks with Halpin secret ones. Yesterday the facts about the meeting, however, were not so secret. Halpin positively asserted that he had been approached for the purpose of securing their support to elect Halpin chairman of the executive committee of the county committee.

The convention, which is to assemble on December 21, is to elect Representative Parsons president, and after that, according to the Odell-Halpin scheme divulged yesterday by the leaders, the thirty-five assembly district leaders are to be asked to elect Halpin chairman of the executive committee.

Under this scheme Representative Parsons as president of the county committee would be but a figurehead, for the reason that the chairman of the executive committee is the powerful head of the county committee. Halpin has held under Odell the place of both president of the county committee and chairman of the executive committee, and now Boss Odell, while compelled to accept Representative Parsons as president of the county committee, is determined if possible to offset the effect of Mr. Parsons' election by jamming in Halpin as chairman of the executive committee.

Furthermore, the Odell-Halpin scheme to elect Ambrose O. Neal, leader of the Thirtieth district, as secretary of the county committee was pushed forward yesterday by the Odell-Halpin cabal.

One of the Assembly district leaders said in speaking of Neal: "He is Odell's candidate and Halpin's candidate for secretary. Neal is too close to the old gang. Parsons must select his staff with the utmost care, and the more competent it is the easier will be his task. No man who is backed by the Odell-Halpin district leaders for secretary should have the place. He should be under obligation to none but Parsons and the eminent Republicans who are to revive and tone the party spirit. Neal would be the Odell-Halpin skeleton in the committee."

Representative Parsons came over from Washington yesterday, and it was learned that he had a talk with Mr. Neal. Neither Mr. Parsons nor Mr. Neal could say what transpired between them, but Representative Parsons' friends said last night that Mr. Parsons could not see his way to stand for Mr. Neal as secretary of the county committee.

Representative Parsons' friends were told of the movement inaugurated by Boss Odell to make Halpin chairman of the executive committee of the county committee, and this brought out the information that after Mr. Parsons is elected president of the county committee the district leaders holding Federal offices and State offices will be informed that they owe no allegiance to any Republican except to Mr. Parsons as president of the county committee and to Cox, Higgins as governor of the State of New York.

Representative Parsons said concerning the speakership matter: "I regard Assemblyman Wainwright of Westchester very highly, but it is a mistake to say that I have come out openly and advocated his election as Speaker. I can say that the delegation from this county has not yet decided upon any candidate for the Speakership. I understand that the delegation had a meeting in this city a few days ago, and discussed the matter, but it came to no decision."

Another meeting is to be held in this city next week, when, I understand, the members of the delegation hope to reach some understanding among themselves. I have been told that one thing which the delegation has made up their minds upon is that the Assemblymen from this county will insist upon greater recognition in the matter of chairmanships of important committees than this county has ever had before."

Boss Odell, it was positively learned, was very greatly interested in the reception given last night at the Gilsey House to William R. Hearst by the Republican Assemblymen who were elected below the Bronx line with the endorsement of Mr. Hearst's Municipal Ownership League. Boss Odell's adherents and Mr. Hearst's followers stated very candidly that if the former can elect his man Speaker of the Assembly with the aid of Mr. Hearst's Municipal Ownership Assemblymen, the Odell Speaker is to send an investigating committee of Assemblymen to New York city for the purpose of getting after Charles F. Murphy and other leading Tammany men.

Boss Odell and Mr. Hearst, it was added, do not care a rap for the fact that the Stevens investigating committee last spring examined Mr. Murphy as to his alleged connection with the case of the late Senator and that Mr. Murphy at that time testified that he had no connection direct or remote with any contracts whatever.

Quite a number of New York State Republicans came over from Washington last night and discussed the probable successor of Odell as chairman of the Republican State committee. According to these Republicans Timothy L. Woodruff of Brooklyn friends were for the place. Mr. Woodruff's friends went on to say that as a matter of fact he controls at this time just exactly one-seventh of the Republican State organization, and that it would be a very easy matter for him to secure aid from Up-State districts.

On the other hand these New York State Republicans, fresh from Washington, let it out that there was a quiet but effective movement going on to make Nevada N. Stranahan, now collector of the Port, the next Republican State chairman. The general opinion, though, was that if Mr. Stranahan became chairman of the State committee it would be necessary for him to resign as collector of the Port, for the reason that Republicans all over the State

expressed the greatest disapprobation when Boss Odell, Governor of the State, by the use of patronage, compelled his election as chairman of the State committee.

Boss Odell's friends at the time attempted to justify his act by giving it out that Samuel J. Tilden was both a Democratic Governor and chairman of the Democratic State committee. The files of the New York Tribune and the records of the Democratic State committee proved this statement to be of the usual Odell variety for the reason that on the very day Mr. Tilden was nominated for Governor by the Democratic State convention he resigned as chairman of the Democratic State committee.

JURY FINDS CAHILL GUILTY.

EX-ASSEMBLYMAN IS CONVICTED OF PERJURY IN CONNECTION WITH ILLEGAL REGISTRATIONS.

Former Assemblyman Joseph J. Cahill of Brooklyn was convicted in the Kings County Court last night of perjury on one of the three indictments found against him in connection with election frauds. The case was given to the jury at 5:30 o'clock and the verdict was announced at 9 o'clock. Cahill believed that he would be acquitted, and when the foreman announced the verdict the prisoner almost fainted.

Borough President Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Cahill, moved to have the verdict set aside on the ground that it was against the weight of evidence, but Judge Crane denied the motion. Judge Crane then committed Cahill to Raymond Street Jail until Monday, when sentence will be pronounced.

Luke O'Reilly, who was associated with Mr. Littleton in the defense, said: "We will make a motion on Monday for a stay of execution until we have an opportunity of appealing from the verdict. The constitutional rights of this man were invaded by the methods employed in securing his affidavits by the deputies under State Superintendent of Elections George W. Morgan. We will carry this case to the highest court. If such testimony will convict a man, it will convict me."

Attorney General Mayer was greatly pleased with the verdict and said that Cahill had had a fair and impartial trial and had been fairly defended by Mr. Littleton.

Cahill's perjury was committed in connection with illegal registration, when he swore falsely that he lived at 413 Henry street and that Bernard McKenna and John White also lived there. McKenna and White both pleaded guilty and testified against Cahill.

BALTIMORE HAS A STORMY TRIP.

ONE WAVE MADE THE PASSENGERS—EXAGGERATED HERE.

The big White Star liner Baltic had nothing but weather to her voyage from Liverpool and Queenstown which she completed here yesterday. At midnight on Sunday she rose on a monster sea which went from under her with such suddenness that she dropped into the trough with a bump that awakened many of the passengers and brought some of them out of their state-rooms to see if anything serious had happened. The ship went on her course undisturbed and the sea calmed down before she reached here.

The Rev. Robert A. Torrey, the evangelist, and his assistant, Charles M. Alexander, the singer, who have been holding revival services in Australia and England for the last three years, were passengers on the Baltic. There were also some professional gamblers aboard, whose industry was suppressed by the ship's captain before the evangelists got a chance at them. The Rev. Mr. Torrey said: "We made 102,000 conversions in Australia and England. In London alone we gathered in 17,000 souls. Our revivals are different from others in the respect that we appeal to the reason more than to the emotions. That is why we have converted more men than women. I have not the gift to appeal to the emotions alone. It seems to me that the conditions in America are ripe for a revival that will sweep the country from coast to coast."

NOTHING DOING, SAYS SHAW.

NO RELIEF FOR MONEY MARKET UNTIL OTHER THAN SPECULATIVE STOCKS ARE ABOLISHED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—After coming from the meeting of the cabinet this morning Secretary Shaw said that no steps would be taken by the Government to-day to relieve the stringent money situation in New York.

"All rumors are off," said the Secretary facetiously to the reporters around the White House offices, but beyond that and the statement that nothing would be done to-day Mr. Shaw declined to be quoted.

In the opinion of Secretary Shaw, the condition has not arisen in which the Government would be justified in increasing its deposits in national banks, for he believes that the speculative market, chiefly, has been affected. If other than the speculative stocks should be adversely affected, and if the so-called legitimate businesses should suffer severely from the tight money conditions, Secretary Shaw would promptly order that a round sum, probably not less than \$20,000,000 of Federal money, be deposited in National banks.

The Secretary receives frequent advice from New York, but he believes he has not found cause to change his opinion that to extend Government aid at this time would be to aid speculation.

GERMANS SEIZED BRAZILIANS.

Now Stated That Gunboat Didn't Land Troops to Get a Deserter.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 8.—The German gunboat Panther has arrived at Rio Grande do Sul. This is the vessel that landed soldiers in Santa Catarina without the permission of the Brazilian Government and seized an alleged deserter, which action caused the newspapers here to protest vigorously.

It was stated that the man captured, whose name is Steinbohr, was not a deserter from the vessel, but had left Germany to escape military service. It is alleged that the sailors who landed also made a prisoner of a naturalized Brazilian named Zimmerman, who is the son of a German.

SHOT IN CROWN OF HIS HEAD.

POLICE THINK DR. MATHESON HAD ROW WITH WATCHMAN.

Fatal End to Final Spree Preparatory to Marriage—Sweetheart's Unlucky Loan—Italian Woke Employer at 3 A. M.—Talked of Shooting and Vanished.

Dr. John Matheson, a convivial and well liked physician of The Bronx, dropped into a saloon on Fulton avenue last week.

"Here goes for my last bust," he said. "I'm going to get married just before Christmas and cut it all out." And they had a drink all around the doctor.

Being examining physician of two or three lodges and a member of nearly every Scotch society in Greater New York, Dr. Matheson found plenty of people to shove the jag along. By the middle of this week he was near the end of his money and of his capacity.

The doctor really was engaged. He was going to marry Miss Mary Dickson, a teacher, of 2508 Belmont avenue. On Thursday night he called on her. He was sober, to her eyes at least. They walked to Zeltner's Casino, where he had one drink, and walked back. At the gate he owned that he was broke and borrowed a dollar from her. She was not feeling well, so after she had invited him in, she fell asleep on the sofa. He kissed her without waking her and left about midnight.

That dollar seems to have laid the foundation for a renewal of the jag. At 2 o'clock Matheson was in the company of Harry Cronan and Jim Moran, conductors on the elevated railway. They knew him well; everybody in that part of The Bronx knew him. It was "Hello, Doc!" with half the population.

Then, at 3 o'clock, he staggered into a group of motormen who were drinking in the rear room of a saloon which closes only its front door at 1. He lurched among them and balanced against a table while he declared that he was broke, dead broke, and if any one would give him a drink he'd do the same some time. He got the drink. A waiter escorted him to the door, for he was making too much noise and he was sagging down 17th street. He was in a blind, wavering stage of intoxication.

At 17th street and Fulton avenue J. H. Lavelle is putting up three frame houses. Because the neighbors have a way of stealing lumber he has employed a watchman since the work began. Antonio Callare, 21 years old, an Italian, has been holding down the job of late. Callare is a quiet, matter of fact person, who never made any trouble and was highly satisfactory.

His knowledge of English is slight. At about 1 o'clock yesterday morning Callare pounded at Mr. Lavelle's door, waking him. The contractor struck his head out of the window and wanted to know what was the matter.

"Plenty trouble about the house," said Callare. "Plenty shout!"

"Why don't you get a policeman?" asked Lavelle, half awake.

"Shoot the gun," said the Italian.

"Why don't you get a policeman?" a cop said Lavelle. "You understand cop?"

Callare said a few words to himself and vanished. When daylight broke Clem Graves and Dominic Parr, workmen employed on Lavelle's houses, found the body of a man among the lumber piles and mortar boxes. He was on his knees before a pile of lumber and he had been shot from above, exactly on the crown of the head, at the point where the whorl of the hair starts. The body was that of Dr. Matheson.

The watchman had skipped. The fire under the boilers of the stationary engine, which he was supposed to have ready for the workmen, had not been lighted. When Detective Keeling was called from the Tremont avenue station he suspected the watchman at once. Nevertheless, the fact that there was not a cent on the body led to the theory that the dead man had been robbed. Later in the day the Detective Bureau ascertained that Dr. Matheson was fat broke and had begged a drink at 3 A. M. It was then that the police sent out a general alarm for Callare. Little is known of him, not even his residence. His brother Giovanni lives at 2391 Arthur avenue. There they have a great interest in a 32 calibre pistol. The wound was made by a 32 calibre bullet. In Lavelle's barn, where Callare often slept, was found a box of 32 calibre cartridges.

The theory of the police is that Dr. Matheson entered the premises and started some kind of a row and that Callare, being green and zealous, shot him. The wound was certainly made from behind and above.

A Dr. McLeod, who is Dr. Matheson's nearest of kin in this country, called at the police station yesterday with Miss Dickson. They could give very little light. Dr. Matheson was a native of Canada. He had a good practice and was prosperous, but spent his money as soon as he made it.

There was nothing, however, to make him commit suicide, and, besides, a man would have to be an acrobat to hit the spot where the bullet entered Dr. Matheson's skull.

SHERIFF HAS O'Rourke's CAFE.

Executions Are Also Against Ex-Surrogate Noble of Queens County.

The cafe and restaurant which Eugene O'Rourke, the actor, opened at 67 and 69 West Forty-fourth street, opposite the Hippodrome, is in the hands of the Sheriff under two executions for \$1,638 in favor of Sarah Rafel and others for rent. The executions are also against former Surrogate Daniel Noble of Queens county and John D. Creamer, a Brooklyn politician, who, it is said, secured the rent. A week ago O'Rourke advertised that the partnership existing between him and Creamer had been dissolved and that he had sold out his interest to the Brooklyn man. The Sheriff will sell the fixings of the cafe and restaurant on Wednesday.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed against O'Rourke yesterday by several persons who sold him supplies for his restaurant. They allege that he is insolvent and that he has transferred to Creamer and other creditors money and property.

Cockran Elected Grand Sachem.

W. Bourke Cockran was formally elected Grand Sachem of the Tammany Society last night to succeed Justice O'Gorman, who resigned the office two or three months ago.

URGENT STRASBOURGER FOR BENCH.

Some Republicans Would Like to See Him Take Barrett's Place.

Influential Republicans announced last night that on December 15 Supreme Court Justice George C. Barrett of New York city is to resign, and a movement was immediately started to urge Gov. Higgins to appoint to Justice Barrett's place Samuel Strasbourger, Republican leader of the Thirty-first Assembly district. Mr. Strasbourger is at present a Tax Commissioner, having been appointed to that place by Mayor McCall.

It is almost certain it was said, that Mayor McCallan is not to reappoint Mr. Strasbourger, and it is because of this knowledge that Mr. Strasbourger's friends started in early in the effort to have Gov. Higgins appoint him to the place Justice Barrett is to give up. Justice Barrett's term expires December 31, 1905, but he has been in feeble health for nearly five years, so much so that he has appeared only at rare intervals on the bench.

Justice Barrett, it was added, will resign in order to take advantage of the referee law which was passed at Albany last winter and which will entitle him to a salary of \$11,500 a year.

This referee law was passed by the Republicans with the understanding at the time that Justice Barrett should resign after election day this year, so that a Republican Governor should have the naming of his successor. Justice Barrett has been on the bench for thirty-five years, most of the time through the influence of Tammany.

Very general comment has been made by eminent lawyers for several years that Justice Barrett has for some time been entitled to retire. Last night, when it became known that he intended to resign on December 15 so that he might become a referee at \$11,500 a year, there was considerable comment that Justice Barrett is entitled to be relieved even from the cares of a refereeship.

GAYNOR TO BE PROMOTED.

Gov. Higgins Says He Will Designate Him for the Appellate Division.

ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Gov. Higgins announced to-day that he would designate Supreme Court Justices Patterson and Ingraham as members of the Appellate Division, First Department, for terms of five years from December 31 next, the date of the expiration of their present designations. Both Justices are Democrats. The Governor said he would also designate Supreme Court Justice Gaynor of Brooklyn as a member of the Appellate Division, Second Department, for terms of five years from December 31 next, the date of the expiration of his present designation. The designation of Justice Cochrane is to take effect on January 1.

HUWITT STATUE FALLS.

Granite Figure of the Ex-Mayor Tumbles From the Hall of Records.

Ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, done in Maine granite, four tons of it, was being hoisted to his place on the south cornice of the Hall of Records, when the hoisting cable parted and he descended, feet first, to the sidewalk. The shock was too much for even a New York Mayor, and he went all to pieces. The head, severed from the body, rolled into the street.

The accident happened a little before 3 o'clock yesterday. The noise made by the snapping of the cable and the crash of the heavy statue drew a large crowd. The statue was the last of the row of New York's former Governors and Mayors to be hoisted into place on the Chambers street side of the Hall of Records.

On either side of the pedestal reserved for Mr. Hewitt Philip Hone and George Clinton were already placed.

When the cable broke the strain proved too much for the pole, and they toppled over, carrying away a small section of the stone balcony on the cornice. The police had closed the street while the work was going on, and no one was endangered by the fall.

The Hewitt statue was the work of Philip Martiny. It was executed by the John Peirce Company. They estimate the loss at about \$1,500.

MORE YELLOW JACK AT HAVANA.

48 Cases to Date and 14 Deaths—Cuban Boy Died Yesterday.

HAVANA, Dec. 8.—Since the outbreak of yellow fever here there have been forty-eight cases, thirteen of which proved fatal. A Cuban boy, 7 years old, died of the disease to-day.

The explanation given for the spread of the scourge is that the Cubans are only relatively immune from the ravages of the fever. The sanitary authorities regard as absurd the idea that the disease was conveyed to New Orleans from Havana.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The yellow fever situation in Havana is growing more serious. Mr. Sleeper, the chargé d'affaires of the American legation at Havana, has reported to the State Department that on December 5 nine suspicious cases of yellow fever were found, one of which was confirmed.

On December 6 twelve suspected cases appeared, of which four have been confirmed. There was but one suspected case to-day.

SENATOR PLATT'S PLANS.

Will Be Here Tuesday to Remain During the Holidays Then to Hot Springs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Platt will leave Washington for New York on Tuesday to remain until after the holidays. Then he will go to Hot Springs, Va., to see, as he expressed it, "if he couldn't throw out his legs." The Senator looks well and his friends say he is stronger and better than he was before he made his Western trip.

RUSSIA YIELDS TO STRIKERS.

GIVES IN PARTIALLY TO POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH EMPLOYEES.

The Mails Are Moving Again, With More Help Offered Than Is Needed—Three Women Deliver Letters in Autos and Carriages—Strikers Wreck Two Cars.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 8.—The report that the Government had partially surrendered to the telegraph and postal strikers is confirmed to the extent that it has published rules providing for the payment of compensation in case of employees being coming disabled in the performance of their duty, and for the payment of pensions to their widows in case of death.

The Government has also consented to cancel dismissals for forming the union. It was the Government's refusal to allow the formation of a union that brought the strike to a head. The postal employees, who have been without their salaries for five weeks, are starving and have been threatened with eviction from their homes. They are now returning to work on the strength of the concessions made to them. Telegraphic communication, however, cannot be restored for a long time, as the offices are still undamaged and many of the wires have been cut.

The authorities announce that the strike is ending. All the railways except one are accepting mail matter. There has been such a rush of volunteers to help that the post office has had to refuse the services of hundreds of persons.

It is stated that a number of Prussian postmen have applied for employment, professing that they are able to read Russian addresses, although they are ignorant of the language. Meanwhile the strikers declare their determination not to yield.

The attempt of the aristocrats to aid the Government in carrying on the postal service in the fashionable quarter continues. A number of titled and other high born persons are assisting under the leadership of the Duchess of Loughborough.

Her coadjutors include Baroness Frederica, wife of the well known Minister of the Imperial House, Princess Ourousoff and Princess Troubetzkoi. They drive to the central post office in private carriages and automobiles and assist in the sorting and other routine work.

The strikers on Wednesday stopped two of the automobiles, compelled the occupants to alight, and then wrecked the cars. One of the drivers aimed a revolver at the foremost strikers. He was immediately disarmed and severely thrashed.

The Council of Workmen's Delegates has distributed leaflets urging the workers to withdraw their deposits from the savings banks. The effect, if they comply, may be calculated from the fact that there are more than 5,000,000 depositors, while the cash deposits amount to \$48,000,000 rubles, in addition to deposits of securities to the amount of 215,000,000 rubles.

The Bourse was firmer to-day. Four per cent. bonds were quoted at 77.

WINDOW SMASHER ON ELEVATED.

Plung Iron Fence Spikes From Train at Stores Drove \$1,000 Damage.

Six show windows in Harlem along the line of the Third avenue elevated road were broken last night by iron spikes thrown from a southerly Third avenue elevated train. The missiles that broke each window was the upper end of an iron fence spike, the pointed end.

The first window smashed was a furrier's at 2253 Third avenue. The next was in Wallach Bros' furnishing store at 122d street and Third avenue. Then the window of a cutlery store at 2051 Third avenue was broken, followed by another at 2048 Third avenue.

The window of the Joseph Fay Baking Company at 203 Third avenue had a hole put through it by a spike, as did a show window at 1044 Third avenue. This was the last window broken so far as the police learned. Probably the window breaker ran out of spikes.

William Balou, a real estate dealer of 171 Broadway, was standing in front of Wallach Bros' window when he saw a man throw something from a moving southbound train. A moment later the spike went through the window. James Stern, a window cleaner in Wallach's, also saw the missile thrown from the train.

About \$1,000 worth of glass was smashed by the spike thrower. The police of the East 104th and the East 125th street stations are considering the case.

EX-SENATORS' COTTON DEAL.

Brokers Sue McLaurin for \$4000—Say He Sold 300 Bales Short.

Deputy Sheriff Burnes has received an attachment for \$4000 against ex-Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville, S. C., in favor of Miller & Co., cotton brokers of this city and Washington, D. C., growing out of a short sale of 300 bales of cotton on December 4.

It was said that the order was given at the Washington office of the firm and executed at the Cotton Exchange, this city. The 300 bales for March delivery being sold at 12 cents per pound. On December 4, it was alleged, Mr. McLaurin repudiated the sale and Miller & Co. thereupon bought in the cotton at 12 3/4 cents per pound. The Sheriff served the attachment on Crutchfield & Co., 41 Wall street, but it was said that Mr. McLaurin withdrew his balance there several days ago.

REAMS OF WATER SOAKED PAPER.

Duane Street Fire Causes \$45,000 Damage and an Hour and a Quarter's Fight.

Damage estimated by Chief Croker at \$45,000 was done through a fire which broke out at 9:50 o'clock last night on the top floor of the five story building at 66 and 68 Duane street. The fire was confined to the floor on which it originated, but proved difficult to extinguish. The firemen were kept working an hour and a quarter, and for quite half this time streams of water were running down through every floor of the building.

The top floor was occupied by the National Manifold Company. Goods in the paper house of Richardson, Scheiber & Co., on the fourth floor, the printing establishment of Joseph Froman, on the third, and the paper houses of Walther & Co. and Vernon Bros., on the second and first, were damaged by water.

One Night to Chicago

By The Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central Line, Leave New York 3:30 P. M. Arrive Chicago 8:30 A. M. morning. The fastest long-distance ride in the world—94 miles in 15 hours.—Advt.

POPE TO STUDY ROOSEVELT.

Orders the President's Messages and Speeches Put Into Italian.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
ROME, Dec. 8.—The Pope has asked Cardinal Merry del Val, his Secretary of State, to procure a collection of President Roosevelt's messages and speeches and have them translated into Italian. The Pope wishes to study the President's views in connection with an important papal document concerning social problems which is to be issued.

BIG BLAZE IN HOBOKEN.

Firemen, Hampered by Low Water Pressure, Are Aided by Jersey City Engines.

The annex plant of the Keuffel & Esser Company, manufacturers of engineering and engineers' supplies, occupying nearly three-quarters of the block bounded by Adams, Third, Jefferson and Fourth streets, Hoboken, was destroyed by fire last night. W. L. E. Keuffel, secretary of the company, said the loss was \$100,000.

The fire started in one of the Jefferson street buildings and spread rapidly. When Chief Applegate of the Hoboken Fire Department reached the scene he concluded that the greater part of the block would be swept away and sent in a general alarm. He also called upon Jersey City for help and four engines were sent to Hoboken. Chief Applegate said the department was handicapped by a lack of water pressure. The Hackensack Water Company was requested to put on all the force possible and then the firemen made better progress.

DR. CATE MISSING AGAIN.

Police Hunt for Lakewood Man Who Once Disappeared for Four Months.

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Dec. 8.—Friends of Dr. Henry H. Cate, a physician of this village, have asked the New York police to search for him. He has been missing since last Monday, when he disappeared after leaving the office of Dr. Fox, a dentist, of 109 East Twenty-fourth street. This is the second time that Dr. Cate has disappeared within two years. He was attacked with a sandbag and robbed a short distance from the Hotel Albert in New York in April, 1904, and was found four months afterward in a hotel in Poughkeepsie.

His mind was a blank and he was almost a physical wreck. Good nursing brought him around so that he was able to resume the practice of his profession at Lakewood. Dr. Cate is a physician familiar with the circumstances of his case believe that Dr. Cate is suffering from a form of insanity due to the sandbag blow he received. This, according to their theory, caused a disturbance of the brain cells.

DITCHED THE TRAIN.

Switchman Sacrifices One Man's Life to Save Many.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 8.—A local train on the Santa Fé, between San Bernardino and Corona, was deliberately wrecked here by a trowman to-day to prevent a collision which threatened great loss of life. The Santa Fé train, running at high speed, was approaching the crossing of the Southern Pacific motor line, on which a train was also nearing a crossing. A collision seemed inevitable. The trowman threw a switch which sent the flying Santa Fé train down a side track. The engine, tender and baggage car left the rails and turned turtle.

Walter Cave, an extra engineer, was caught in the wreck and crushed to death.